

TOPIC Military Information from Wurzen

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1. From 3 to 14 November 1952, the Flak Kaserne west of Eilenburger Strasse, Wurzen, was occupied to capacity by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 3 November, 15 soldiers were engaged in cleaning three JS-3 tanks in front of the garages in the northwestern section of the installation. At 11 a.m. on 6 November, 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and half of them carrying submachine guns and the other half rifles marched into the installation, coming from the direction of Mischwitz. They were led by a captain, 2 senior lieutenants and 3 lieutenants. At 4:30 p.m. on 8 November, about 200 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were lined up in front of a quartering building on Jaeger Strasse. At 9:30 a.m. on 10 November, 12 officers and about 30 soldiers were seen inspecting 26 trucks. At 3 p.m. on 14 November, about 25 soldiers were observed maintaining seven trucks.

On 20 November, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by 1,200 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and artillery insignia. All quartering buildings were lighted at dusk. About 200 to 300 unarmed soldiers organized in groups were observed practicing and numerous soldiers maintaining motor vehicles.

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A local resident said that the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 250 to 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and about 500 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. He also stated that 6 JS-3 tanks, 25 x 120-mm mortars and 8 x 76.2-mm AT guns were in the installation. 4 sedans and 65 trucks were in the installation. At 10:30 a.m. on 17 November, 28 soldiers

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wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and led by a captain marched from the Ringfeder Plant to the installation. At 11 a.m. on 22 November, 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 26 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets led by a senior lieutenant were seen entering the installation. Twelve soldiers maintaining four trucks, 21 soldiers holding aiming drill and 30 soldiers cleaning the quarters were observed in the installation.

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4. Prior to 28 November, the number of windows lighted and the training activity observed indicated that the Flak Kaserne was occupied to capacity.

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On 27 November, 100 soldiers wearing padded winter jackets without epaulets, carrying rifles and gas masks and led by an officer entered the installation, coming from the railroad station.

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